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Re: Application of: Xiu Xiu Cheng, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/705,625  
Filed: November 3, 2000  
For: **Methods for Treating Diabetes Via  
Administration Of Controlled Release  
Metformin**  
Examiner: T. Ware Art Unit: 1615

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 24, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002 for one (1) month from January 22, 2003 to February 24, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the one month extension fee. If it is determined that additional fees are due at this time, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge said fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,

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